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SUBJ: SPANISH SAHARA: GOS SETS DEADLINE FOR WITHDRAWAL OF

FEBRUARY 28,1976

1. MINISTER OF INFORMATION AND TOURISM, HERRERA ESTEBAN,
HELD REGULAR PRESS CONFERENCE FOLLOWING WEEKLY COUNCIL OF
MINISTERS MEETING NOV 14 CHAIRED BY PRINCE JUAN CARLOS.
MINISTER SAID VISITING MOROCCAN AND MAURITANIAN OFFICIALS,
AFTER CONCLUDING THEIR TALKS AT PRESIDENCY, HAD GONE TO
PRINCE'S PALACE EARLY NOV 14 TO APPROVE AGREEMENT PRIOR TO THEIR
RETURN HOME. TERMS OF AGREEMENT CONSTITUTING DECLARATION
OF PRINCIPLES WOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNTIL THE LAW ON THE
DECOLONIZATION OF THE SAHARA TO BE ADOPTED BY THE SPANISH
"CORTES" HAS BEEN PUBLISHED IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE. COMMENT:
PARLIAMENTARY COMMITTEE APPROVED THE TEXT OF THIS DRAFT LAW
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NOV 12 AND IT HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE AGENDA FOR APPROVAL

IN A PLENARY SESSION SCHEDULED FOR NOV 18. THE EARLIEST IT COULD APPEAR IN THE OFFICIAL GAZETTE, THEREFORE, IS NOV 19, AFTER IT HAS BEEN DULY SIGNED BY THE ACTING HEAD OF STATE.

2. MINISTER SAID THAT SPAIN WAS CARRYING OUT ITS POLICY FIRST ANNOUNCED MAY 23,1975, FOR THE DEFINITIVE DECOLONIZATION OF SAHARA. GOS HAD NOW SET DATE OF FEB 28,1976, FOR ITS WITHDRAWAL FROM TERRITORY. HE INDICATED THAT IN INTERIM SPAIN WAS PREPARED WITH MOROCCO, MAURITANIA AND THE SAHARAN POPULATION TO SET UP A PROVISIONAL LOCAL ADMINISTRATION. ASKED HOW PRINCIPLE OF SELF-DETERMINATION AND WISHES OF SAHARANS WOULD BE RESPECTED, HERRERA REPLIED THAT THE EXISTING LOCAL ASSEMBLY ("YEMAA") CONTINUED TO BE REPRESENTATIVE OF SAHARAN INTERESTS. WHEN PRESSED TO COMMENT ON THE ROLE OF THE PRESENT "YEMAA" PRESIDENT, JATRI, WHO DEFECTED TO MOROCCO TWO WEEKS AGO, HERRERA SAID THAT GOS VIEWED "YEMAA" AS GENUINE REPRESENTATIVE BODY REGARDLESS OF WHO PRESIDED OVER IT. COMMENT: "YEMAA" IS MADE UP OF DEPUTIES CHOSEN BY THE VARIOUS TRIBES INHABITING THE TERRITORY.

3. HERRERA SAID THAT TRILATERAL NEGOTIATIONS HAD BEEN CARRIED OUT WITHIN THE SPIRIT OF ARTICLE 33 OF THE UN CHARTER, ADDING THAT THE 3 PARTIES WOULD INFORM THE UN SYG PROMPTLY ABOUT THEIR AGREEMENT. ACCORDING TO ONE NEWSPAPER SOURCE, MOROCCAN FOREIGN MINISTER LARAKI IS SCHEDULED TO TRANSIT MADRID NOV 16 ENROUTE TO NEW YORK.

4. HERRERA ALSO STATED THAT "FRAMEWORK AGREEMENTS" HAD BEEN WORKED OUT WITH MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA ON OTHER RELATED ISSUES: INDUSTRIAL COOPERATION, PRESUMABLY COOPERATION IN THE PHOSPHATE EXPLOITATION IN BUCRAA, TRADE RELATIONS, AND FISHING RIGHTS. HERRERA SAID THAT ALGERIA HAD NOT BEEN INVOLVED IN THE NEGOTIATIONS.

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